(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The European Parliament adopted a resolution on human rights of Dalits in India on February 1,2007 titled 'European Parliament resolution on the human rights situation of the Dalits in India'.

(b) and (c) Noting that the resolution lacked both balance and perspective, a protest was lodged with the European Parliament.

Nepal's relations with India *Vis-A-Vis* China

†1838. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the prominent personalities of Nepal has asked for closer relation with China instead of India;

(b) if so, the efforts being considered to have more closer ties with Nepal;

(c) Government's approach towards such statements inspite of efforts so far made; and

(d) whether such elements are also existing in India who are having sympathetic view regarding these statements?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) Various opinions with regard to Nepal's relations with China and Idnia are expressed within Nepal. The Government of India remain fully committed to strengthening and deepening its multi-faceted bilateral relationship with the Government and people of Nepal for the mutual benefit and progress of both countries.

Minister's visit to Iran

1839. SHRI V NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during his visit to Iran, its nuclear programme was discussed; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.